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DATA ON HUPEH AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS PLANT
AND HUNAN AUTOMOTIVE PARTS PLANT

[Comment and Summary: This report gives information from Chapters 7 and 9 of the monograph Kang-t'ieh Shih Che Yang Lien-ch'eng-ti (How Steel is Forged), edited by the Chung-nan T'ung-hsin Hsuan-chi-pien Wei-yuan-hui, and published in Hankow in February 1952.

The Hupeh Agricultural Implements Manufacturing Plant has increased its production by 285 percent from July 1950 to June 1951. At the same time, it has experimented with the production of new farm equipment and raised the productive efficiency of its labor. The Hunan Automotive Parts Manufacturing Plant has increased its production seven-fold while raising the quality of production and efficiency of labor.]

A. Hupeh Agricultural Implements Manufacturing Plant

The Hupeh Agricultural Implements Manufacturing Plant was an automotive repair shop under the Nationalist Government. As a result of investment by the government of the People's Republic of China, however, the plant is now manufacturing various types of farm tools and machinery, including cotton gins. It has experimented with 11 new types of farm equipment and has developed a "cast-iron electric welding" process for the repair of 25-horsepower water pumps.

The plant has made great strides in production during a short period. The following chart shows a few categories in which there has been notable progress.

<u>Type of Increase</u>	<u>Period of Increase</u>		<u>Increase %</u>
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Total value of production	Jul 1950	Jun 1951	285
"Basic workers's" value of production	Jul 1950	Jun 1951	144.8
Workers' wage scale	Early liberation period	Dec 1950	30
Number of workers	Early liberation period	Oct 1951	1,000

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The plant is continuing to expand. The planned 1952 production is double the 1951 production.

B. Hunan Automotive Parts Manufacturing Plant

The Hunan Automotive Parts Manufacturing Plant has made exemplary achievements in production and expansion of plant and equipment. From October 1950 to September 1951, the following advances were made: (1) the total value of production was increased seven-fold, (2) the over-all quality of the plant's products was raised 40 percent, (3) the productive efficiency in the manufacture of major products rose 136 percent, (4) the total cost of producing piston rings was lowered 45.4 percent, and (5) the temper of piston rings was ~~increased~~ from 70 degrees to 90 degrees, thereby meeting international standards.

The plant exceeded its monthly quotas from February to August 1951 by an average of 20.6 percent. The September 1951 quota was exceeded by 51 percent.

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